THE STATE OF NEVADA.

Surveyor General Preble submits his report for the last two years showing a good general condition of the State. It is full of information and has many valuable tables, one of which seems to show that the rainfall is increasing. He condemns the waste of water, recommends a regular system for the use of water, the erection of reservoirs to save the Spring floods, an Irrigation Commission, careful surveys and encouragement for artesian wells. He complains of the General Government for withholding patents on lands granted to the State and sold by it to settlers. They also now require proofs that land selected is not mineral bearing, and asks the State to get proofs on all lands selected since 1872. General Preble says the force in his office is too small and that a fire proof vault is needed to protect the records, which are the only proofs in existence of transactions involving millions of acres of land and the homes of thousands of people. The State seld 107,316 acres in 1885, and 316,-385 in 1886, making a total of 513,-701 acres, giving receipts amounted for principal and interest to \$235,-428. In real property, Washoe is Monday, January 24th, 1887, by far the leading county and Elko in personal property. Washoe's real estate is valued at \$2,864,420 and personal property at \$1,468,515; Elko's at \$2,333,153 and \$,947,01%.

Last session an Act was passed appropriating \$2,560 to purchase a safe for the joint use of the Secretary of State's office and Land Of. fice. The Governor, Controller and Treasurer were constituted a Board to attend to the business, and make a report at the present session. The safe was never purchased, and should a fire destrey the Land Office records of Navada, the loss could never be made good, and a large amount of blame would rest on the shoulders of the Board.

NEVADA'S PROSPECTS.

Controller Hallock, in his report. very properly remarks:

Two years ago I ventured to assert that the croakers who were continually deerying our State and predicting direful disaster would surely die and that Nevada would live, and I am now happy to proclaim that the voice of disparage ment is less frequently heard, and the dawn of a brighter day is break ing over the land, swiftly followed by the sun of prosperity already tinging the mountain peaks with its approaching glary. The "old timer," like the old war horse as he smells the battle, again prances to the front, full of the fire of ambition which in his youth sent him forth to blaze the trail for civiliza. tion and to found an empire, and, although lacking the vigor of his young manhood, he is yet a host within himself for the accomplishment of his high mission, and the Legislature should see to it that on this auspicions dawn every proper assistance is extended to him, and the younger man who has linked his fertane with him in developing and preclaiming to the world the wonderful mineral, agricultural, horticultural, pomological and various other resources latent in the mountains and valleys of this broad demain, that the State may thrive in population and wealth in accordance with its great deserts.

OFFICIAL BOADS

Fish of Washoe made a good argument in the Senate chamber yesterday against the nonsense of official bonds. He pointed out the fact that frequently voters said that certain candidates were not responsible men but that their bondsmen would be and so they gelected them. If they defaulted, the bendsmen crawled out of paying and so the taxpayers lest through a mistaken notion that when men put their signatures on a bond they must make it good if necessary. The bond business is a farce throughout. Take away the official bends, and if efficials are defaulters send them to the penitentiary. Do away with the bonds and voters will be more careful in electing good, responsible men

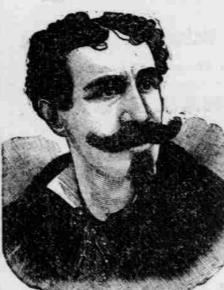
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